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## Taylor's family testifies

*Murder trial stirs emotions of Maryville and Nodaway County as defendant awaits verdict*

**TATE SINCLAIR**  
CHIEF REPORTER

*"He (Taylor) could not reform his conduct to fit the limits of law."*

**William Bunch**  
Defense Attorney

As 10-year-old Doug Taylor burst into tears in front of his father and a courtroom full of spectators, the true impact of his mother's murder was truly realized.

During Doug's short time on the witness stand Tuesday afternoon, he told of his father, accused murderer William Taylor, running into the family's kitchen and telling him to move a dead kitten closer to his recently murdered mother. The boy said he obeyed his father's order.

Doug's testimony Tuesday afternoon was a dramatic and emotional part in what has been called "one of the biggest trials" in Nodaway County history — the State of Missouri v. William Taylor.

Taylor has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death

of his wife, Debra Jo Taylor. Taylor was charged with running over Debra Jo with the family's combine Nov. 11, 1994. She died shortly after of what coroner Earl Siebert described as "blunt force trauma."

Zel Fischer and William Bunch, Taylor's defense attorneys, are not arguing with the fact that Taylor committed the crime. They are arguing that Taylor was suffering from disillusionsal disorder and is still mentally ill.

"He (Taylor) could not reform his conduct to fit the limits of law," Bunch said in his opening statement.

Special prosecutors David Cosgrove and Kenny Hulshof are arguing that Taylor was mentally competent at the time of the murder.

The basis of the state's case is the deliberate plan Taylor used to commit the murder. They say Taylor killed a kitten

and placed it under his combine to lure his wife under it. They contend he somehow used a 6-inch piece of string to operate a two-ton combine and ran over Debra Jo. The state will not release its complete version until closing statements.

Prosecutors also pointed to the bruises and lacerations on Debra Jo's face as more evidence. Siebert said they are not typical of someone's face being pushed into the ground or run over with a tire. Siebert said they are more typical of someone being struck during a struggle.

Defense attorneys said Taylor's irrational behavior toward Debra Jo was a sign of his mental illness.

Bunch gave several examples of Taylor's obsessive thoughts when men were around him and Debra Jo.

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## New technology takes the form of a notebook

*Electronic campus expands with new program for freshmen*

**TATE SINCLAIR**  
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest has been a leader in on-campus computing for the last decade, but if a new program succeeds this fall, that status could be extended into the next millennium.

The new pilot program is a concept that, if successful, will take the electronic campus one step farther.

Beginning this semester, 95 incoming freshmen will be equipped with notebook computers that allow them to step into the classroom of the future, today.

Jon Rickman, director of telecommunications, said this program will give students a better education than a traditional one.

"Using the notebooks will enable the student to learn more information and more relevant information than the traditional lecture approach," Rickman said.

The main point in the pilot program is the interaction between student and professor. The professor will have his or her own notebook computer, allowing direct communication

with the students' notebook. This means the teacher and student can trade information without writing on the board or raising their hand.

This new brand of teaching will be used in speech, health and wellness, finite math and English classes in state-of-the-art classrooms. Instead of chalkboards and overheads, the room will have specially designed desks and outlets to work with the notebook computers.

The technology did not come cheaply. Northwest spent \$385,000 to buy the notebooks and equip the two classrooms, which are located in Wells Hall and Valk Agricultural Professional Center, along with the lab in Owens Library.

Each freshman participant paid \$395 for the use of the notebooks and privilege of using the new classrooms. These fees totaled \$75,000, with the remainder came out of the school's budget.

In addition to the monetary fee, the 95 freshmen also had to forfeit much of their academic freedom. Twelve to thirteen of their credits must come from the seven core classes offered in the special classrooms, with only one elective being taken in a "conventional" classroom.

This restriction also means not

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**Whoooo!**

David Naster imitates a Nascar fan watching a race while drinking a beer. This is the fourth time Naster has performed on Northwest's freshman orientation schedule.

**LAURA RIEDEL**  
Photography Director

## Pauly Shore shows kick off CAPs' fall schedule of events

**COLLEEN COOKE**  
COPY DIRECTOR

In a year of big names and big acts, one of the biggest is kicking every-thing off with a "buh-dee."

Campus Activity Programmers is bringing comedian Pauly Shore for two shows at 7 and 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

With a new album, "Pink Diggily Diggily," and a host of current and off-beat topics, Shore will bring the world into his wacked-out perspective. Some topics to look forward to include: nepotism, John Wayne Bobbitt, going on the road and AIDS testing.

"He's one of those unique comics that probably doesn't have a real following outside of these young demographic groups — kind of like Adam Sandler," CAPs adviser Dave Gieseke said.



Comedian Pauly Shore brings his humor to Northwest Wednesday. Tickets cost \$16 for orchestra and \$14 for balcony.

At age 27, Shore comes to Northwest with four feature films, three comedy albums and 10 years of stand-up experience to his credit.

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## Campus says goodbye to halls

**SUSAN LORIMOR**  
CHIEF REPORTER

With all the benefits renovations can bring, they sometimes leave victims in their wake. Two of those victims — Hake and McCracken halls — were torn down this summer.

Warren Gose, vice president for Finance, said an engineering study from a few years found that repairing the buildings "would cost more than it was worth."

Along with two other buildings, Hake and McCracken used to be residence halls that were once called the Quads. However, Gose said that was long before North-South Complex replaced their function of housing students.

Following its use as a residence hall, McCracken Hall was used to house Northwest's student publications. From

the fall of 1975 to the summer of 1986, the first floor of McCracken housed *Tower* yearbook and the second floor housed the *Northwest Missourian*.

"It was nice working there because the building was all ours," Carole Gieseke director of publications for public relations said. "It was like home."

Gieseke worked on both publications during her college career. Over the span of three years, she experienced good and bad times in McCracken Hall.

"My whole college career revolved around McCracken Hall," she said. "Practically all experiences I had took place there."

Gieseke said the building had sentimental value for those who worked there. She and other McCracken veterans took bricks from the hall to serve as a reminder.

"We took about seven or eight bricks

because we knew some of our friends would want some too," Gieseke said.

Gieseke said that for some time the hall was slated to be torn down because of its condition. Even when it housed student publications, she said it was not in great shape.

In addition to the demolition of McCracken and Hake halls, the remaining foundations of the other quads were also removed.

Gose said the now empty lot has no designated use, so it will be turned into grass as soon as possible. However, he has his own wishes for the land.

"I would like to see a straight sidewalk (built there)," he said. "It (the area) has gotten kind of jumbled up over the years."

However, he said the fate of the lot is in the hands of Denise Ottinger, dean of students.



**Gone, but not forgotten.** This summer, McCracken and Hake halls were bulldozed to the ground. The buildings had been slated for demolition for many years because of poor condition.

**LAURA RIEDEL**/Photography Director

## Our View

## Debit cards conserve cash flow for students

Ever find yourself short on cash? Well, the University has implemented and improved the debit card system to help avoid that problem.

These debit cards will allow students, faculty and administration to use the copy machines, the washing machines and the beverage and snack machines — all this with one little card.

The holder of this debit card will pay 8 cents instead of 10 cents for copies and \$1 to use the washing machine instead of \$1.25.

However, the beverage and snack machines are priced the same with bills, coins or the debit card.

This debit card will really come in handy when you are short on cash and want a soda or need to make a copy. In the past, for many students it was an option to get a card, of course, and it still is. But this debit card provides more advantages and more freedom.

The debit cards can be purchased at Owens Library on the first floor or in Colden Hall's lounge. The debit cards cost 50 cents, so when you pur-

chase a debit card, and insert \$1 for the card, 50 cents credit will be added to it.

To add more money to the card, simply go to the library, Student Union, Student Services Center, Millikan, Hudson or South Complex.

Just like the ID card, the debit card will be a way of conserving cash for off-campus activities or food.

The one drawback of these debit cards is most people don't use the honor policy. If you find a debit card, turn it in.

However, not everyone turns in lost items, so be careful when leaving the card lying around. Be sure to sign the back of the card, which will help when and if someone turns it in.

Enabling the vending machines to take the debit card was a superb idea. Future discussion is to combine this debit card and the student ID card into one, allowing one card for your food, bookstore, copies, washing machines and the vending machines. However, for the time being, be sure to invest into this new debit card system.

## CAMPUS EDITORIAL



## Our View

## Businesses should join for common cause

Attention city of Maryville.

It is time to put our heads together and unite for a common cause: to devise a plan to further develop our great city.

Several years ago, the Urban Development Action Grant was part of a federal government program with the intent of igniting economic development in communities throughout the nation.

The city of Maryville at that time applied and received the grant, but the government later axed the program.

Today there are no federal strings attached to Maryville's grant, so the city is free to keep the funds and to reinvest as it chooses to in the community.

To this day, more than \$500,000 is sitting in a local bank — earmarked for no one in particular, other than for the general purpose of somehow spurring Maryville development.

City Manager David Angerer said

the monies lawfully cannot be spent for private purposes — such as fixing a merchant's roof — but rather it can only be spent as part of a comprehensive approach the entire community can benefit from.

You have our two thumbs up, Mr. Angerer.

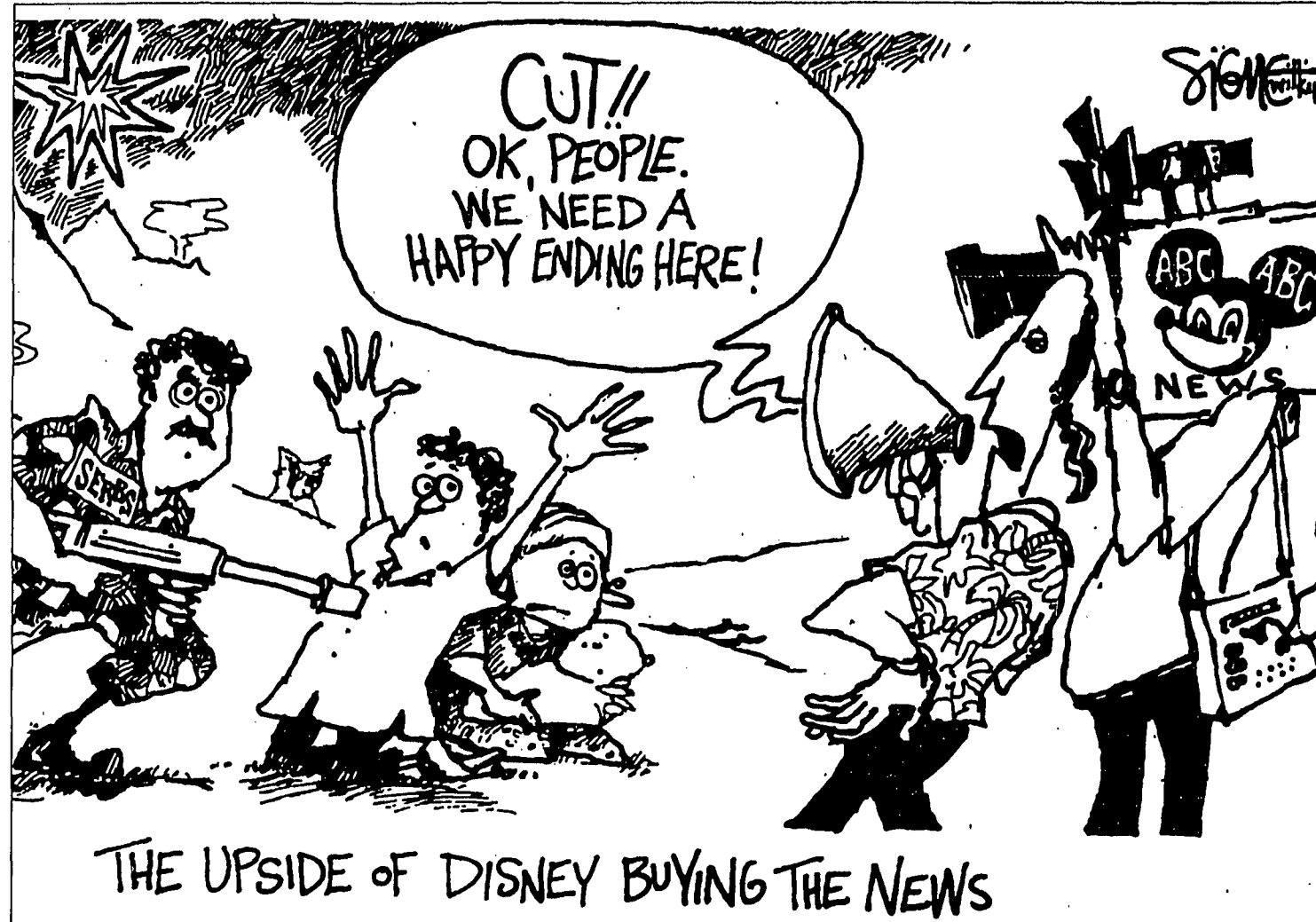
The community needs to understand that the city government has no intention of distributing this money to just anyone who asks for it, particularly to individuals with private purposes in mind.

It is time community members put their heads together to generate ideas that can benefit the community as a whole.

Let us work together to make Maryville a role model for other growing communities.

We are known as a progressive community, so let us keep the wheels turning by developing a comprehensive plan to utilize the UDAG funds.

## CITY EDITORIAL



## MyTurn

## Paper unites community, campus

Thirty more issues of the Northwest Missourian will not only be delivered across the University's campus, but it will also be delivered to every home in residential Maryville.

As the editor in chief of the Missourian, I am very excited about having the opportunity to expand our newspaper's coverage and distribution into the community.

I would like to use this column to introduce you to the Missourian and some of our goals.

The Northwest Missourian is a student-run organization. A 24-member editorial board plus an additional staff of students who take the newspaper practicum course work hard to produce the weekly paper.

Students are responsible for writing the stories, editing the copy, designing the paper as well as selling the advertising to support the newspaper.

Educating students is the primary goal of this paper, and the industry has been noting that graduates do not have the experience necessary to work on a community newspaper. This project will put us on the cutting edge of hands-on education.

Our goal for this year is to deliver a well-written and researched newspaper to the community as well as the University.

We intend to go out into the community and discover those interesting people and their stories.

We are very interested in teaming up



REGINA BRUNTMAYER

*Student media expands to encompass more city news coverage and to educate the University.*

with the community to improve relationships between residents and students.

In fact, I believe the Missourian can serve as a communication tool to combat the misconceptions that sometimes perpetuate the University and the community.

We have the staff and the dedication to deliver Maryville residents the variety they need in media coverage.

The campus portion of the paper will give Maryville residents a greater understanding of the issues and lifestyles that affect students, and at the same time, students will gain knowledge that may help

them consider themselves a part of the community.

The goal of our endeavor is not to pose a threat to any other media outlet. In fact, we believe our coverage will be unique because our primary focus is the University. (Since students do produce the paper, it does not publish over student holidays and breaks.)

The city section's news coverage along with its features will only complement a paper that already has strong coverage.

As with any newspaper, the Missourian's budget is based on its weekly advertising, both on a local and national level.

The amount of advertising sold determines the amount of pages the newspaper can run for that particular week.

Local advertising is important to the paper, so we encourage you to support these businesses by using their coupons and stopping by their shops. If you really want to support your newspaper, go one step further by telling them you saw their ad in the Missourian.

Maryville has a lot to offer not only the local residents but also to the University students, and the Missourian plans to tie these two groups together by educating both populations.

Regina Bruntmeyer is the editor in chief of the Northwest Missourian.

## Summer bliss turns into drive-thru blahs.

Hey, isn't it great to be back in the 'Ville? I'm so excited about this upcoming semester that I could do a hula-dance stark naked around the Bell Tower, while screaming at the top of my lungs, "Yes! Yes! Yes!"

Well, maybe I'm not that excited, but it sure is great to see some more faces around our little town instead of just Bob, Ed, Betty and Earl (which, incidentally happens to be the names of half of the town's population).

OK, I know Maryville is bigger than I make it out to be, but a lot of you don't know what I've been through this summer.

Instead of the calm and relaxing vacation from school I had planned to enjoy from a bar stool at the Pub, I had to enjoy it from a drive-thru window at McDonald's. (Quite a change of venue, don't you think?)

Yes, yours truly had to work at "Micky D's." It wouldn't have been so bad, but I still wake up in the middle of the night worrying that someone wants fries with their number three value meal. (My therapist says I'm making progress and I am feeling much better now.)

The Pub is also better, which, to say the least, is extremely depressing. It's been so long since I've had a good Rum-Rollover that I've begun to ponder the deeper meanings of all of my favorite Pub drinks. (Did the Rum actually Roll over? Has Rum been known to roll over occasionally or does it do it all the time? And what exactly is a Three Wisemen? Did three smart men, bearing gifts of CK1 and debit



LAURA RIEDEL

*The start of the new school year is actually a good thing after a Pub-less vacation.*

cards come up with this beverage? I just don't know.)

Can you tell I've had a little time to daydream at my McDonald's drive-thru window?

I've also had to relocate myself into another apartment with two new roommates. This was kind of a scary move (pardon the pun) for this fifth-year senior who desperately needs good grades this semester. After all, if things don't jive, I'll be spending many long hours studying in front of the Pub waiting patiently for it to open.

By the way, if I mean when, the Pub opens, I will be the first one in line and I won't leave for a week. (Just to reacquaint myself with those nice little booths and a

bar stool or two.) I think I speak for everyone when I say that I'll miss the Elvis figurines the most.

In fact, I think it's time that the student body took action to ensure the speedy opening of our little tavern. I'm thinking a candle light vigil in front of the Pub — singing old Irish songs would be a good start.

However, my friend Bob, went on a hunger strike last week, announcing, "Either the Pub opens or my mouth don't!" (Bob is always so eloquent.)

Well, we all agonized about Bob's plight for the entire two hours it lasted, and while chewing a bologna sandwich, Bob eased our minds by saying, "Hunger strikes are for wusses." Then he went off into the living room muttering something about how human sacrifices aren't done enough today.

Needless to say, I'm sleeping with my door locked every night, and I become just a little jumpy when he surprises me while holding a rope, a knife and some wire. (Bob did that to me three times yesterday.)

I'm a little frightened, but my therapist says that shock therapy is a good thing.

Anyway, I'm glad to see everyone back here in the 'Ville, drinking beer, socializing and becoming just as much Bob's human sacrifice targets as I am. So good luck this semester and pray that the Pub opens relatively soon before we start disappearing and Bob starts barbecuing.

Laura Riedel is the photography director of the Northwest Missourian.

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## MyTurn

### Family businesses succeed "uptown"

In past years the Maryville Downtown was thought to be "dead." Businesses that once were alive and well were either moving or going under. Well, no one can say that about our uptown today!

We both have businesses uptown — I own Gourmet Pleasures and my husband Dave owns Domino's Pizza. Last spring I moved uptown turning my "little bath and coffee shop" into a full sit-down cappuccino bar.

After the move, Dave and I got together with another business owner, Susan Gater, and formed an uptown merchants club — currently called "Downtown Together!"

We formed the group so business owners could brainstorm, promote each other and support one another. Each uptown merchant (all 118 of them) received an invitation to our first meeting which was held a month ago. Approximately 30 merchants showed up to a very informative meeting.

We have met twice since our first encounter with much success. This past Tuesday evening we spent at Looks Fitness Center stuffing envelopes for our first ever Maryville merchant



DAVE AND LESLIE ACKMAN

*Husband and wife team work to make downtown better with new events for Maryville consumers.*

mailer (Look for them in your mailbox today). Our first cooperative event happens Sept. 8 in conjunction with country store days. We plan on dressing in old-fashioned garb, decorating our

store windows and offering customers old-fashioned prices.

Our group is also concentrating on restoration of downtown and looking into funds available for different projects that will benefit all of the uptown businesses.

A few of the ideas include angle parking, nice street lamps, clean sidewalks and streets, building improvements and an overall theme to encourage tourism in Maryville.

We are also aggressively planning family activities for parents and children to enjoy during the festive holiday seasons. As a group we believe it's important to promote community projects and the unity of family in the activities we are planning.

We want to better Maryville by making our uptown strong again. We are proud of our community, our merchants and our uptown — the future is bright!

Our best to you!

*Dave and Leslie Ackman are Uptown Merchants.*

## MyTurn

### Dole/Packwood proposal is best approach

Our welfare system is broken and in vital need of reform. I am supporting a plan to reform the welfare system which strikes a balance between the role of the federal government in providing a safety net and giving states increased responsibility. The proposal under consideration was drafted by Majority Leader Dole and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Packwood and contains ideas I included in my proposed welfare reform bill.

The Dole/Packwood plan is a sound approach to fixing the system, and clearly the best alternative to those who would completely dismantle public assistance and those who would simply tinker around the edges. I have been working to reform welfare for many years, and have authored legislation this year and in the past congresses. The Dole/Packwood bill establishes a framework for meaningful reform of welfare.

Under the Dole/Packwood bill, the system is changed to require welfare recipients to accept some responsibility and to get a job. I have advocated, for instance, allowing recipients to keep more income earned on the job, encouraging marriage by permitting more benefits to two-parent families, allowing teens to work without counting against family income and letting states subsidize private sector jobs for welfare recipients on a trial basis.

I also recommended that states have the flexibility to deny benefits to those who fail to have their children immunized or attend school. At my urging, the Dole/Packwood bill does not tamper with child welfare issues.

Other key provisions of the Dole/Packwood



CHRISTOPHER "KIT" BOND

*U.S. Senator says proposed bill by Republicans is the country's best shot at solving America's welfare problem.*

plan include the proposal to provide real work requirements, unlike the existing welfare system. There is not automatic exemption from work requirements.

States would be required to phase in 25 percent of their caseload in 1996, reaching 50 percent by 2002. Funds from the Aid to Families with Dependent Children cash benefits and child care programs would be consolidated into a block grant to the states. A five-year lifetime limit would be set on receipt of AFDC cash assistance, and recipients would be required to work when the state deems them "work ready" or after two years.

Teenage mothers would be required to live at home or in supervised settings and to attend school. States would be required to withhold benefits from participants who fail to cooperate in identifying the fathers. States would also be responsible for determining the level of cash benefits, as well as the option to deny payments for additional children born while the mother is on welfare.

Legal immigrants, required to have sponsors when coming to the United States, would have the income and assets of the sponsor considered for purposes of determining eligibility for means-tested programs for five years. Non-citizens would only be eligible after working and paying taxes for five years.

Further, states would be given the choice of continuing to participate in the current food stamp program or receiving food stamps through a block grant. Under a block grant, states would be required to use the funds for food only, with the option of 25 percent of the block grant going for wage supplementation activities.

Also, the much-needed Child Care and Development Block Grant is retained, with states being allowed to set their own standards and eligibility requirements.

I believe the Dole/Packwood plan is the most reasonable approach for achieving our goal of improving the welfare system. Returning more responsibility to the states is the best course. States are much better equipped to respond effectively to those citizens in need.

*Christopher "Kit" Bond is a Senator from Missouri.*

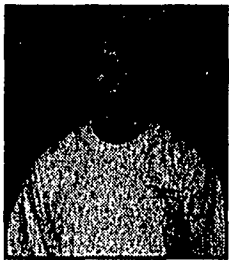
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Will the World Series be less popular than in the past?



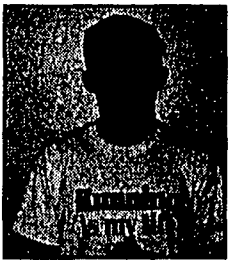
Fred Von Behren  
Hy-Vee  
manager

"It's almost like a joke. With the apathy toward the regular season, I don't see how the World Series will be any different."



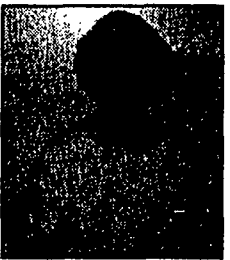
Molly McMillan  
Biology  
major

"There hasn't been high attendance to the regular season games this year. The World Series will be a big deal, but not like it was in the past."



Aaron Kincheloe  
Undecided  
major

"I don't think it will be different than any other year. I think baseball is just as popular as it was, it hasn't changed any. I think the true fans will accept it."



Sarah Catron  
Business  
major

"I think it will be. Many people have changed how they feel about baseball because of the strike and don't enjoy it as much."



Bob Mills  
Computer  
Management  
Systems major

"I personally think when the World Series gets here, people who stayed away will come back. The excitement of the World Series will cause them to renew their crest in baseball."



Jenell Clark  
University assistant  
professor

"Definitely. These are the heroes to the kids of the U.S. and heroes don't act that way."

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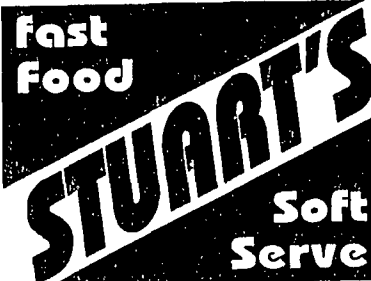
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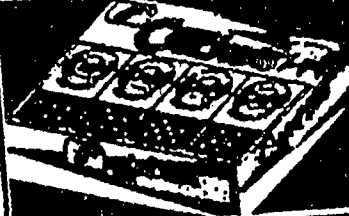


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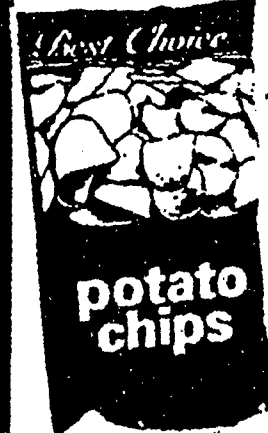
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## Freshmen enjoy taste of college

KEITH RYDBERG  
COPY ASSISTANT

For the second year in a row, enrollment of the freshman class has produced big numbers — more than 1,300 freshmen attended Advantage '95.

Every year at this time freshmen receive a taste of college life before school starts. This annual program prepares freshmen for their new independence.

Hypnotist Jim Wand, comedian David Naster and speaker Will Keim provided entertainment for the five-day event that ran from Friday to Tuesday.

Shari Schneider, coordinator for Advantage '95, thinks this year has been positive because of the lack of over/under nights at local bars.

"Our evening events have been attended, I would say, 90 percent," Schneider said. "The evening events were much better attended than they ever, ever have been."

Many students who attended Advantage '95 said the orientation helped them get through the fears of attending college.

Jessica Brennan said her first day on campus was a little frightening.

"I was scared just because everything was new," Brennan said. "It was a change from home."



LAURA RIEDEL/Photography Director

**"What do you call it?"** While under hypnosis, entirely full-sized — "Pauly Shore bird" as hypnotist Jim Wand questions Tami Lichtas about her bird.

One of the things that students were encouraged to attend were freshman seminar classes, which showed students the intricacies of Northwest.

Ann Rowlette, director of freshman seminar, said she wanted to show freshmen that the campus is here for them.

"Our main concern is that a

freshman on this campus is never without a resource where they can get help," Rowlette said. "We don't want any tears, we want them to go someplace and get help."

## Suspect's suicide ends murder case

TATE SINCLAIR  
CHIEF REPORTER

The murder of Karen L. Hawkins was the most memorable event of last semester for all the wrong reasons, but now it seems the tragedy may be put to rest.

Dennis Lee Jones, the accused murderer of Hawkins, was found hanging dead in his jail cell July 28. A subsequent Highway Patrol investigation found the cause of death to be suicide by hanging.

Members of the Sheriff's Department are unable to comment on the event because the Jones family is initiating a lawsuit against the department in Dennis Jones' death.

The April 21 murder of Northwest student and Maryville resident Hawkins stunned the campus as well as the community. Here are the events as they transpired.

April 21

1:30 a.m. — Karen Hawkins is seen leaving B.J.'s Bar with Dennis Jones and another acquaintance.

5 p.m. — Hawkins is reported missing to Maryville Public Safety.

Late evening — Jones is arrested in the Hawkins disappearance case.

April 22

3 a.m. — Search for Hawkins' body begins in 102 River. Officials with Maryville Public Safety, Nodaway County Sheriff's Department and four other Missouri law enforcement and safety departments are involved. Jones is charged with first-degree murder, felonious restraint, attempted forcible rape and forcible sodomy.

April 28

After one week and an estimated 800 man hours, Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey discovers Hawkins' body in the 102 River east of Maryville.

May 10

A tape is played at a pre-trial hearing. On the tape, Jones admits to murdering Hawkins and throwing her body into the 102 River.

July 12

Trial is moved to Platte City to escape the publicity in Maryville.

July 28

Jones is found hanging dead in his Maryville cell. A Highway Patrol report determines death to be suicide by hanging.

## Faculty changes accompany new year

CHRIS TRIEBSCH  
MANAGING EDITOR

Just as the physical structure of the University is being renovated, so are some aspects of the inner structure.

One major reshuffling move combined the speech and theater departments into one department.

Kathie Leeper, the interim chair of this department, said the decision was made because Missouri education certifies the two together. They do not have a separate discipline for oral and performing communications.

Theo Ross, the former theater department chair, and Leeper worked out an agreement that made Leeper

the interim chair and made Ross the interim assistant of arts and sciences.

Leeper does not anticipate keeping the position permanently because administrators have said they want to allow teams in each department to choose their own leaders.

"I am willing to work under any structure that is best for the departments," she said.

Leeper and Ross presented a proposal to administrators concerning the joining of the two departments.

"When Ross and I presented our proposal, we requested that focus be on creating for us a common facility with the understanding that it could be a couple years off," Leeper said.

Leeper said the merger will not affect the class schedules for the 13 instructors in the departments.

Another major change in administration involves the graduate dean's position. Betty Bush, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, assumed that responsibility after Frances Shipley accepted the position of interim dean of arts and sciences.

Although Bush has had experience in an administrative role in the past with the freshman seminar program, she was surprised by the offer.

Administrators hope to have the dean's position filled permanently by next semester. When that happens, Shipley will return to graduate dean.

Bush, who still teaches part time, expects a return to full-time teaching.

"I will return to my former position when the dean is hired," Bush said. "I am very happy teaching, but I will do what I can to help the University."

In other position changes, Phil Kenkel, who had served as director of Upward Bound, became the director of Student Support Services.

Kenkel said the move was not a promotion, but a lateral move.

"I needed a career change and this presents a new set of challenges," Kenkel said. "This is a good opportunity."

To fill Kenkel's old position,

Kenna Johnson became the director of Upward Bound. Johnson said the change presents a unique experience.

"It is different, but a learning experience," Johnson said. "It is a great program and (it has) a wonderful staff."

Another change shifts KXCV personnel. Mike Johnson left his position as station manager to assume responsibilities with alumni services. The staff will share his old duties.

Johnson's new position will entail coordinating alumni activities.

"It offers me a different set of challenges," he said. "I want to serve our alumni and help them find out things they need."

### FACULTY CHANGES

Betty Bush, associate professor of faculty and instruction is now interim grad dean.

Kenna Johnson, former Upward Bound Counselor is now Upward Bound director.

Phil Kenkel left position as director of Upward Bound and is now director of Student Services

Kathie Leeper, former chair of speech department, is now interim chair of the combined speech-theater department.

Theo Ross, former chair of theatre is now interim assistant dean of Arts and Sciences.

Frances Shipley will return to full time teacher and grad dean after A&S dean position is filled.

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# Campus Safety modifies parking policies

KAREN GATES  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As students come back to campus, they will find many changes. Some of these changes could leave students with tickets and fines.

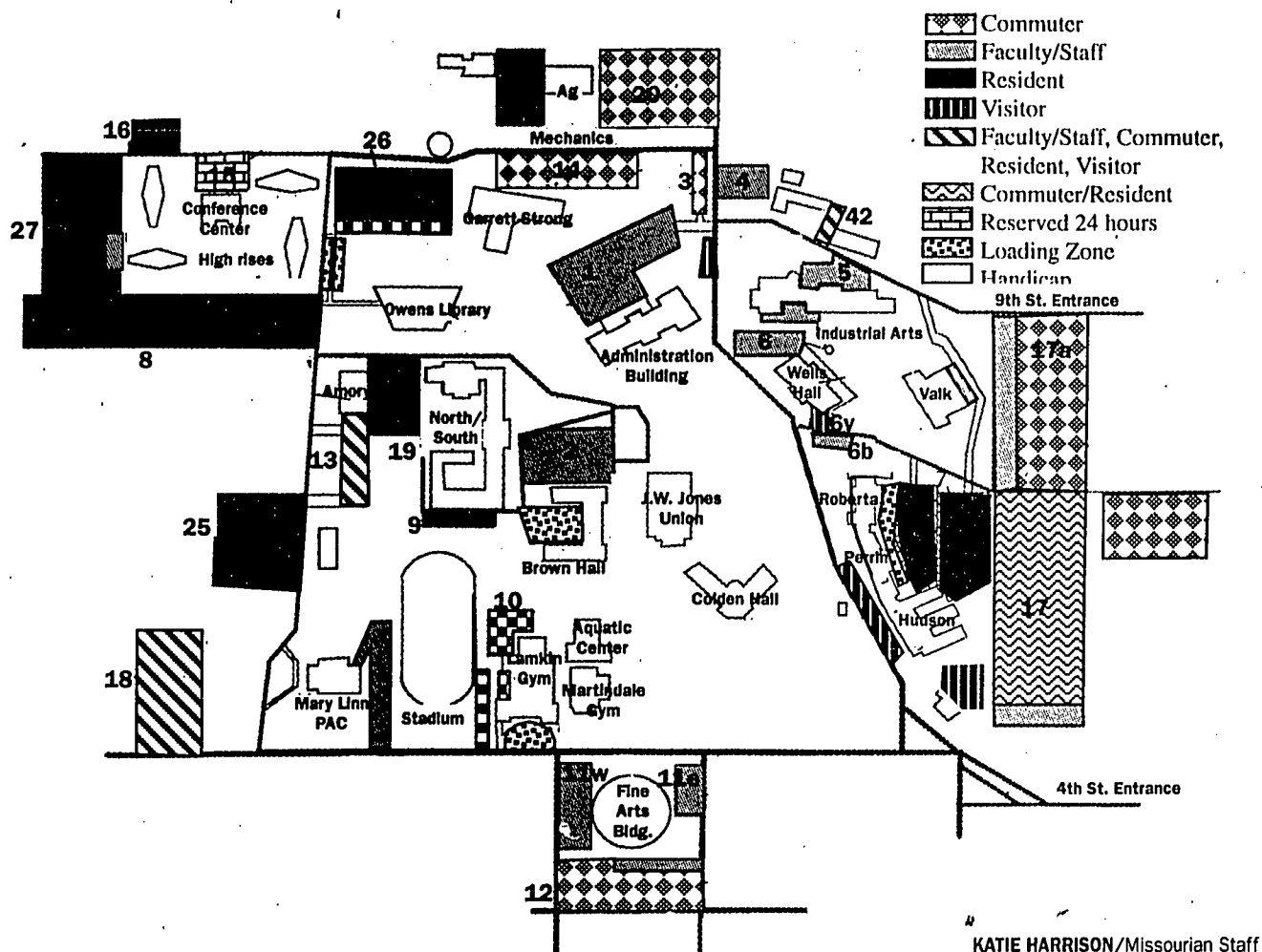
The University is making changes in campus parking in order to expand parking for the handicap, loading and unloading zones and staff parking.

In lot 10, located between Rickenbrode Stadium and Lamkin Gym, which was previously for faculty and staff, is now a handicapped parking lot designed for events at Bearcat Arena. A 15-minute loading and unloading zone was also added next to Bearcat Arena and the DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

In lot 17 A, east of the Valk building, faculty and staff parking will be expanded to accommodate the faculty who are moving to Perrin Hall during the renovations in Colden Hall.

In lot 26, behind Owens library and next to the Garrett-Strong Science Building, the entire front row will be for handicap and staff parking only.

Parking permits and parking maps can be obtained at the Student Services desk located on the first floor of the Administration Building. Signs are posted by the parking lots. Those with parking questions should contact Campus Safety.



KATIE HARRISON/Missourian Staff

# New financial aid processes become easier

TATE SINCLAIR  
CHIEF REPORTER

Most students dread it and even more need it. This is the fate assigned to one of Northwest's most vital institutions — the Financial Aid Office.

Approximately 75-80 percent of students attending Northwest receive some type of financial aid, whether it is a loan, a grant or a scholarship. These students receive a total of between \$15 million and \$20 million a year, all of which passes through the financial aid office.

All that money translates into a lot of work for director Del Morley and the rest of the financial aid staff. Morley said a new software program and the direct lending process may make it easier for students and staff to handle the business of financial aid.

"Until this year all the processing was done by hand, computers were used for bookkeeping and billing," Morley said. "Now all our processing is going to be done electronically."

This new software will allow the staff to gather all information needed to put together a financial aid report in one week compared to three or four weeks using the old system.

Coupled with the new processing system is a direct lending process that will cut the time it takes to receive financial assistance in half.

"(The old system) was a pretty lengthy and slow process. We dealt with over 100 different banks, and they all did things differently," Morley said. "It was a mess for students and for us and for everyone involved."

The new system allows the financial aid office to receive the funds from the federal government. This, paired with an easier verification process, cuts the time to receive financial aid from four or five weeks down to one or two.

A final addition to the financial aid process is a direct deposit system. Instead of waiting for their check to arrive, it will go directly into their account.

"That always used to be a problem where the student would say, 'Is my loan in, is my loan in, is my loan in,'" Morley said. "Now they'll know when it's in because it goes directly into their account without them having to sign it."

Morley said this adds up to less hassle and work for the student, but there are still tips for the student to make their financial aid experience an enjoyable one.

"The most important tip for any student is to fill out their forms early and completely," Morley said. "They must look ahead (and) plan for the following year in advance."

# Debit cards change snacking

Vending machines  
now accept cards  
in addition to cash

SARAH ELLIOTT  
CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Snacking habits are no longer limited to the change you may or may not have in your pocket. You can now satisfy your sweet tooth with a candy bar or a soda by using your debit card.

The debit card has been in use at Northwest for the past three years, University treasurer Jeanette Whited said. She hopes the debit card will become handier to its users.

Last year the card was only used for copiers and washing machines. This year an addition has been made to include soda and snack machines in a step toward convenience.

People can buy debit cards in the Colden Hall lounge or on the first floor of the library. The machine formerly in the Student Union is now in Colden so night students could purchase cards.

"I intend to start using (the debit card) once the vending machines go on line," Whited said.

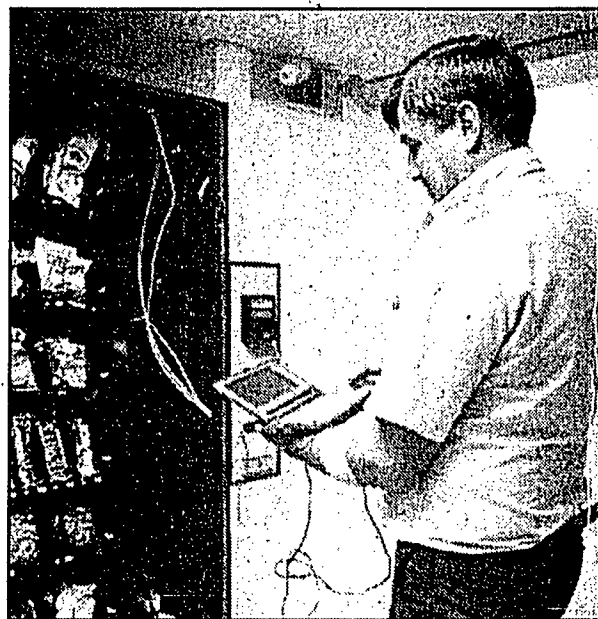
Users can add value to their cards in the Owens Library, second floor of the Student Union, Student Services Center in the Administration

Building, Colden Hall lounge, Millikan Hall, Hudson Hall and South Complex.

Although there are savings when using the card on copy and washing machines, there will be no reduction in price for items purchased with the debit card from soda and snack machines.

Next year's plans are to combine the ID card and debit card into one.

The University hopes to eventually have a professional-looking card with a bar code for University dining, a digitized photo, a magnetic strip for the debit card, an identification strip for use at the recreation center and possibly more.



SARAH ELLIOTT/Chief Photographer

Cash or credit. George Holmes prepares a snack machine for debit card use before students arrived.

## NOTEBOOKS

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having the benefit of seeing different students in each of their classes. Instead, each will be classmates with only the other 94 freshmen in the pilot program.

All students involved are volunteers, however. Roger Pugh, executive director of enrollment management, said the University selected participants from 200 positive responses the office received from a letter mailed to all enrolled freshmen.

From there, the list was pared down to almost 70 students who would be staying in North-South Complex, which is wired to handle the notebooks. Pugh said the remainder of the group was selected from other halls, with an emphasis on females to even the gender mix.

The final 95 freshmen selected are signed up for the semester with the option of continuing in the spring.

If this program goes as well as Rickman expects, every student on campus could be using notebook computers in the classroom. The biggest obstacle to achieving this is the price tag, which is around \$3 million.

The expense would be paid by the state, if the House and Senate choose. Rickman sees Northwest's chances of receiving these funds as very good.

"If we were any other Missouri college, I wouldn't be as optimistic," Rickman said. "But Northwest has an excellent reputation in computers since we began the electronic campus approximately eight years ago."

Rickman said the earliest campus-wide notebook use could begin in fall of 1997, with complete implementation by spring of 1998.

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Academic Profile - Approx. 50 minutes

Tuesday - 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 1 pm, and 2 pm  
(Union Ballroom)

Wednesday - 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 1 pm, and 2 pm  
(Union Ballroom)

Thursday - 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 1 pm, and 2 pm  
(Stockmen and Regents Room)

September 11 & 12

If you are a first time **JUNIOR**

Please come to one of the following sessions....

Junior Assessment...Union Ballroom

CAAP Test of Critical Thinking or Junior Class Survey

- Approx. 50 minutes

Monday - 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 1 pm, and 2 pm

Tuesday - 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 1 pm, and 2 pm

September 13 & 14

If you are a first time **SOPHOMORE**

Please come to one of the following sessions...

Sophomore Assessment...Union Regents Room

College Student Experiences Survey or College Outcomes Survey

- Approx. 30 minutes

Wednesday - 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 1 pm, and 2 pm

Thursday - 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 1 pm, and 2 pm